

CHNYC TELTALE

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Splash . . . goes the Shields! After a long winter in the boathouse, Columbia, Shields #1, finally sees sunlight and feels the water.

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Visit us on the WEB

www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc

Our site contains pictures of yacht club activities as well as important documents such as Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, all of the sail training materials from the ground school, and brochures that explain our plans and programs.

From the Secretary/Treasurer

Please renew your CHNYC membership!

Janet Belson
Secretary/Treasurer, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Well, the Marina may be open by the time you receive this Tell-Tale. Seeing the boats going in the water is a wonderful sight. With the sailing season now upon us, I would like to remind you that if you have not already paid your dues, they are now due. You can see if you have paid by checking your address label. The dues year for which you are paid is on the top line by your name.

Of course, remember that if you did 40 hours or more of Rhodes instruction last year, your dues are free!

See you around the waterfront.

Janet ❖

CHNYC Moorings

CHNYC has two professionally maintained moorings available as you enter the Marina area mooring field from the Bay. Both are marked with 'CHNYC' and numbered 1 & 2.

- The sponsor must be a current CHNYC Member.
- The sponsor must fill out a 'Reservation CHNYC Guest Mooring Form' in the Marina Office.
- CHNYC Members have priority for reservations over other authorized marina patrons (for their guests) provided they request the mooring 96 hours (4 days) or more in advance by submitting the reservation form to the Marina Office. This is particularly important for those holiday weekends where the demand for moorings maybe high ... the Marina Office is authorized to rent the moorings (pending availability – no reservations) on a first come basis and will do so to any authorized marina patron. Your 96-hour (4 day) reservation locks in your guest's stay.

Check the WEB site or contact the Marina Office for more information.

From the Helm

Let the fun begin!

Ben Riggs
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Spring is finally here, and the rush has been on to get boats ready for launching. A lot of hard work was contributed by CHNYC members in the MWR boat shop this winter, and the results should now be in the water. Many thanks to the volunteers who made it happen, and to Walter and his staff for their support.

A lot of things happen pretty fast in the beginning of the season, and I hope you can all participate in some way. We begin with a racing rules update on April 21st, then rigging of the Rhodes and Shields, followed by sailing instructor orientation on April 30th and May 1st. Ground School begins the next day, with on-the-water on the 7th. This year we expect to be supporting the Naval Academy's NAPS program, along with other groups, so it's important that we provide the level of instruction we are known for.

Safety on the water is paramount, and we will be focusing on some new procedures this season. (See Rick Matton's column on Race Training/Safety.)

Some additional changes include the repair of Building 18, which had water damage over the winter. Many thanks to the MWR and to Bob Parent for staying on top of this.

Regarding the Ship's Store, I am pleased that we have entered into an agreement whereby the Officers' Club Gift Shop will stock and sell our shirts, hats, burgees, and so-on. This should make it easier for CHNYC members (and others, if interested) to obtain these items. Special orders are possible through me, so if you want a CHNYC logo on your ski suit or pajamas, just give a call.

Ben ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAILING INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 30TH AT 9 AM OR SUNDAY MAY 1ST AT 1 PM. SEMINAR WILL LAST ABOUT TWO HOURS.

PLACE BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM, NAVSTA NPT

Comment: If you want to help teach sailing, contact Paul Watters for Ground School and Paul Mankofsky or Dennis Crowley for On-the-Water information and incentives package.

SAIL TRAINING

GROUND SCHOOL: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7-9 PM

ON-THE-WATER: SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 8 AM UNTIL NOON AND MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5- 7 PM

CLASSES START 2 MAY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

DATE: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

PLACE STARTING LINE WEST OF COASTERS HARBOR ISLAND

Summer series starts 25 May with a practice race; see NOR and SI posted on the CHNYC WEB site. Contact Seth Moyer for the details.

SHIELDS ADVANCED SAIL TRAINING

DATES: THURSDAYS 5-7 PM; SATURDAYS 10 AM – NOON

FIRST CLASS IS 5 & 7 MAY

EIGHT MORE CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED THIS SEASON. CONTACT THE MARINA OFFICE FOR DETAILS. CONTACT RON OARD IF YOU WANT TO HELP

RACE QUALIFICATION SEMINARS

DAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5-7-PM;

SPINNAKER WORK ON SATURDAYS 2-4 PM.

FIRST SEMINAR IS THE WEEK OF 23 MAY. OTHER SEMINARS ARE SCHEDULED EACH MONTH. CONTACT MARINA OFFICE OR RICK MATTON FOR DETAILS.

All CHNYC Members and Marina Patrons

YOU will get a subpoena to appear before the Royal Court of the State of the Raging Main, Navstavia. Hearings will be held at the Topside Lounge, Officer's Club at 1700 Friday May 6th. Attendees will witness the Ancient Mysteries and Rituals of the Burning of the Socks! Don't miss this one!

Marina Advisory Group

Marina facilities have been improved!

Bob Parent
MAG co-chairman

Spring is here, the bottom paint is dry, and the weather has finally taken a turn for the better.

A few notable changes at the marina since the last season. The public restroom at the marina office was renovated thanks to the efforts of Mike Arsenault and his crew of Sea Bee's.

In building 18 the ladies room is now the men's room and the (two) men's rooms have become the ladies room. So please read the gender signs before using the bathrooms.

Over the winter a condensate line burst in the classroom. PW responded by replacing the pipe, and will be installing carpet in the classroom in the near future.

Don't be fooled into thinking that MWR purchased a few new boats. Volunteers have been busy at the boat shop working on the Rhodes fleet. They are still the old boats, they just look new. Thanks to Chuck Kesson and Ed Noll leading the charge and motivating others from the Rhodes racing fleet to bring new life into the old boats.

Again the racing skippers from the Shields fleet volunteered to do the maintenance on the Shields. They are looking fast!

All this has happened under the watchful eye of the marina manager, Walter Szynal. Walter has been maintaining the fleet of recreation boats for over 20 years, and he's seen his share of bottom paint and pleasant customers over the years.

Let's not forget Jeff Shea. Jeff gets credit for finding the funds, and pushing for a new A dock, C dock, and D dock. I also hear rumors of B dock? Thank you, Jeff, for supporting the marina through out the years and providing the Navy a marina that is second to none.

Bob ❖

Sail Training

We are ready for the 2005 season!

Paul Mankofsky
Rear Commodore, Sail Training

During the winter we improved our sail training course; (1) we established and published our volunteers' commitment to our students along with our expectations for students participation; (2) we developed a sign which identifies our on the water training objectives for each session and it also articulates the standards each student must achieve – this will hang outside the marina office; and (3) we improved our MWR sail instruction handout, and established a requirement for each student to buy the text book. These three elements raise the level for our instructors and students. Each of these contributes to clear specification of our expectations from our classes and our commitment to students.

On the April 30 and May 1 we will conduct our sail instructor refresher training. We need to build our cadre of volunteer instructors to continue to run successful training, racing, and recreational sailing programs. Our racers and the crews should volunteer some time to do on the water instruction, and again I ask all of our members and affiliates to talk up our program and solicit candidates from all sources available through our military and civilian contacts. The on-the-water training statistics from the last few years indicate that the top 7 volunteers do over 80% of the training. We have lost some of those instructors to moves and reassignments and now we have to rebuild the base. We need to assure that we can accommodate the demands of our program with an appropriately balanced mix of volunteer to spread the burden.

I look forward to working closely with Dennis Crowley – The OTW Training Rear Commodore, Seth Moyer-The Rhodes Fleet Captain, Tom Gunzelman, our special assistant for records, Paul Watters – RC Ground School, and the Marina Staff, headed by Walter Szynal, to make 2005 a safe, and successful season.

Paul ❖

Ground School Schedule

First course starts Monday, 2 May!

Paul Watters
Rear Commodore, Ground School

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May 2 Bill Mackay 849-2369
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May 9 Paul Watters 847-2455
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May 16 Don Denny 783-0444
donalddenny@yahoo.com

May 23 John Allen 423-1785
johnallen0@cox.net

May 30 NO CLASS

June 6 Amy Hunt 662-8008
amy.d.hunt@navy.mil

June 13 Rob Fuller 849-5648
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June 20 Lee Tuthill 423-1229
lbtuthill@cox.net

June 27 Ed Lynch 683-9043
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July 4 NO CLASS

CHNYC BOAT HAUL-OUT AND STORAGE PROGRAM

CHNYC has established a relationship with New England Boat Works (NEB) in Portsmouth for winter haul-out and storage for members of CHNYC. This arrangement provides a group discount rate for winter haul-out, wash, storage and spring launch for eligible CHNYC members. The discount is available to CHNYC members only and is based on a maximum number of boats at 50.

Participants in this program must sign an individual contract with NEB for their services. This service provides only for haul-out, wash, storage and launch. Any other work must be arranged separately by the boat owner with NEB.

Read the CHNYC Haul-out Brochure or contact Paul Watters for details.

Race Training & Safety

Know danger when you see or hear it!

Rick Matton
Rear Commodore, Race Training & Safety

Last season there were four reported incidents in Narragansett Bay where several boats that were racing decided to try to be the last one in the fleet to make it across a tanker's bow. Bad move.

The Coast Guard is asking the Clubs to assist in putting a stop to it. If they have to take action themselves, it could mean restricting that particular Club's events. If someone gets hurt, it could mean curtailment of all racing, not to mention the effect on whoever gets run over.

From now on, expect all Notices of Race/Sailing Instructions to reference the requirement to observe the Rules of the Road, subject to protest and disqualification. The exact wording will be put out by the Race Committee. In addition, all RC's will be monitoring Channel 13 and communicating with large commercial traffic.

Skippers are reminded that they must know their sound signals (particularly 5 blasts on the horn), and that no-one should attempt to cross close to a large commercial vessel.

And since this danger applies to all boats, including recreational, our sailing instructors will be making sure that all students know the rules regarding large vessels restricted in maneuvering and draft, as well as the Inland Navigation Rules. Let's all work to keep it safe so we can keep it fun.

Rick ❖

Race Qualification Seminars

23, 24, 26 & 28 May

20, 21, 23 & 25 June

25, 25, 28 & 30 July

15, 16, 17 & 20 August

19, 20, 22 & 24 September

From the Race Course

Four regattas and two R19 series are planned!

Chip Swicker
Rear Commodore, Regattas

We've got four Regattas scheduled for this season...the Winslow Cup on Saturday, 6 August, the second annual Surface Navy Association Regatta (Burke and Bulkeley Cups) on Saturday, 20 August, the Special Olympics Rhode Island Tenth Anniversary Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, 24-25 September, and the Naval War College President's Cup Regatta on Friday, 7 October. Entry fee for the Surface Navy Association Regatta remains only \$25 per boat, which includes a catered awards party in the Officers Club Topside Pub, so make plans to join in the second running of this family-friendly event. We have even scheduled a weather contingency date of Sunday, 21 August this year, so all hands can be guaranteed a fine day of racing.

Get your Rhodes and Shields quals up to speed early, and then come on out to race this summer! For more information, please email me at charles.swicker@navy.mil"

Cheers,

Chip ❖

Regatta Schedule 2005

Winslow Memorial – 6 August

Surface Navy Association – 20-21 August

RI Special Olympics – 24-5 September

NWC President's Cup – 7 October

Wednesday Night Rhodes 19 Fleet Racing

Practice Race – 25 May

Summer Series – 1 June through 3 August

Fall Series – 10 August through 5 October

From the Shields Fleet

Advanced Shields training starts 5 May!

Ron Oard
Fleet Captain, Shields

What a gorgeous spring! Very un-Newport like. Lots of sunshine and sometimes with winds light enough to be comfortable out on the water in early April. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the boats this winter: the racing skippers who worked the bottoms (including John Allen who still helped with Icea even though he plans to spend the summer in Maine); and also Lou Reyna and several new Shields sailors who helped with all the topside work. On two of the boats (Icea and Angela) we finished the wholesale replacement of rub rail and toe rail and removed the winches and installed turning blocks for the spinnaker sheets. We also repaired the bull noses on two of the boats and found the time to get teak oil on all the boats.

We will start our formal Shields training classes on 6 May. As I mentioned in the last Telltale, I've scaled the number of classes back; there will be nine sessions throughout the season. By the time you read this those who have volunteered to help should have seen an email asking for instructors in May. We had a great season supporting recreational rentals of the Shields last year, and this is one of the big ways to help keep the boats utilized by qualifying folks that are capable of sailing them.

Finally, I'd like to welcome two new skippers to the Navy fleet. Bill Saunders will be racing Angela with a crew from Coast Guard Station Castle Hill, and Pat Wylly will be racing Icea until he graduates from the War College in June. We'll have seven skippers for the six boats, so I plan to establish a ladder for the spring at least, with the low finisher dropping out for the following week's race. The Wednesday racing season with Shields Fleet 9 begins May 11th, and our first weekend race is the Memorial Day Regatta on 28 May. See you out on the water.

Ron ❖

From the Rhodes Fleet

The boats are in great shape!

Seth Moyer
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

Boats are due to be in the water by the time you receive this. Due to the efforts of a few dedicated skippers working with MWR, our boats are in better shape this year than I have ever seen before. The lottery for the summer series has been held and 11 out of our 15 boats are assigned. The remaining O'Day hulls will be assigned to any other interested parties. We will be looking for assistance on tuning the rigs once the hulls are in the water, so please contact me if you can assist.

The Race Committee is spooling up, with the first race of the summer series scheduled for 1 June and we are all looking forward to another great season. Also look for posting of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions on the web site. Remember to make sure your yacht club membership is up to date and submit an entry form once posted.

With the approach of the sailing series our thoughts also turn to the primary outreach mission of CHNYC – Sail Training. We had a high turnover since last season and have a great need to restock our sailing instructors. I would ask all racing skippers to evaluate how they have given back to the program which has afforded them the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the race program, and make a commitment to at least one day a week of sail training. Sail training is what generates the good will within MWR that allows continued support of having the fleet and allowing us to race. We benefit directly by receiving new sails for racing that are paid out in rough proportion to the amount of money raised by sail training. If you want to continue the success of the Rhodes fleet and continue to refresh our sail inventory – WE NEED YOUR HELP AS INSTRUCTORS. Contact me, Paul Mankofsky or Tom Gunzelman for further information.

Seth❖

Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club – Points of Contact

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Executive Board			
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Sail Training Administrator	Tom Gunzelman	401-847-0468	Jtgunzelman@cox.net

Please complete this short form below. Renewals provide us the opportunity to ensure all your information is up to date.

MAIL TO: CHNYC c/o Janet Belson, Treasurer, 5 Benedict Ave., Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301

☐ New CHNYC Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Membership Number
☐ CHNYC Individual (\$25) ☐ CHNYC Family (\$35)
☐ Active Duty ☐ Projected Rotation Date
☐ Dependent ☐ Retired ☐ Reserve ☐ DOD

NAME: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 STREET ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE: _____
 DUTY STATION/WORK: _____
 BOAT NAME: _____ POWER: _____ SAIL: _____
 TYPE/MANUFACTURER: _____ LOA: _____ BEAM: _____
 MARINA BERTH # _____ OTHER: _____

Very important areas in which you'd like to help and get involved with: We particularly need help with ...

☐ On-Water Sail Training ☐ Ground School ☐ Race Committee

We also need assistance with these programs: Please check the blank and show your support ...

☐ Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields) ☐ Power Squadron ☐ Cruising
☐ Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew) ☐ Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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Minerva is lowered into the water after having been stripped, sanded, barrier coated, painted, and polished. Now comes the fun!